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cDNA species which are immobilized in said gene transcript pattern probe kit and assessing the amount of hybridization, so as to determine the degree of correlation indicative of the presence of said disease or condition or stage thereof, and so as to diagnose or identify said disease or condition or a stage thereof in said test prokaryotic or eukaryotic organism. --

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract to the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification and addition of the Abstract are formal in nature, and thus do not constitute new matter.

Support for new Claims 18-35 can be found, *inter alia*, in original Claims 1-17 and at pages 4-9 of the present specification, and thus also do not constitute new matter.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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